

First of all Madam Speaker, I want to be clear: I have always and continue to unequivocally denounce and condemn any and all terrorist acts, whether committed by Hamas or any other terrorist group.

That is why I voted for S. Con. Res. 79 in February which declared that that no U.S. assistance should be provided directly to the Palestinian Authority if any representative political party holding a majority of parliamentary seats within the Palestinian Authority maintains a position calling for the destruction of Israel.

My position on Hamas's responsibilities in light of its having attained a majority of seats in the Palestinian Legislative Council, and thus its assumption of power as the governing party of the Palestinian Authority, has been clear:

Hamas must recognize Israel;

Hamas must renounce violence and terrorism;

Hamas must abide by previous peace agreements, like the Oslo accord, and act in accordance with the Roadmap; and

Hamas must return the Palestinians to the negotiating table with Israel, and reach the mutually agreeable peace agreement that is called for in the Roadmap and the earlier agreements.

This is Hamas's responsibility of governance. I believe the United States should do everything that it can to both insist upon and

to facilitate Hamas taking up this burden of responsibility, and we should not rest until the goal of a negotiated settlement is achieved. Moreover, we should not slow the Middle East peace process by making these targets preconditions for our engagement in the process. As the assassinated Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin reminded us: I do not need to make peace with my friends.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to understand that engagement and negotiation for peace is a process, not an event, and it necessarily involves the belligerents to a conflict, not those whom we would aspire to put at the negotiating table.

I agree that we should not fund Hamas, but not at the expense of average Palestinians, which is the end result of this legislation. Among other things, this legislation obstructs a return to negotiations by imposing an impossible-to-achieve Presidential certification process. This legislation undermines U.S. national security interests by eliminating the President's authority to waive sanctions in the interests of national security. This legislation restricts U.S. diplomacy with moderate Palestinians by failing to distinguish between those in government and other political leaders and activists who are not affiliated with Hamas and have rejected terror, recognized Israel, and support a two-state solution. These are a few of the important reasons this legislation needs to be rewritten.

Madam Speaker, supporting the fragile Middle East peace process requires us to keep as many channels as possible open and to those who are empowered by their electorate to represent their interests at the negotiating table.

That's why we must reject counterproductive proposals like H.R. 4681 and continue working on all fronts to ensure the goal of a peaceful, two-state solution between the Israelis and the Palestinians.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT
APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2007

SPEECH OF

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5427), making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes:

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Chairman, under general leave for H.R. 5427, the Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2007, I submit the following table:

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL FY 2007 (H.R. 5427)
(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2006 Enacted	FY 2007 Request	Bill	Bill vs. Enacted	Bill vs. Request
TITLE I - DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE - CIVIL					
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY					
Corps of Engineers - Civil					
Investigations.....	162,360	94,000	128,000	-34,360	+34,000
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 109-148).....	37,300	---	---	-37,300	---
Construction.....	2,348,280	1,555,000	1,947,171	-401,109	+392,171
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 109-148).....	101,417	---	---	-101,417	---
Rescission.....	---	---	-56,046	-56,046	-56,046
Subtotal, Construction.....	2,449,697	1,555,000	1,891,125	-558,572	+336,125
Flood control, Mississippi River and tributaries, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee.....	396,000	278,000	290,607	-105,393	+12,607
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 109-148).....	153,750	---	---	-153,750	---
Operations and Maintenance.....	1,969,110	2,258,000	2,195,471	+226,361	-62,529
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 109-148).....	327,517	---	---	-327,517	---
Regulatory program.....	158,400	173,000	173,000	+14,600	---
FUSRAP.....	138,600	130,000	130,000	-8,600	---
Flood control and coastal emergencies.....	---	81,000	32,000	+32,000	-49,000
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 109-148).....	2,277,965	---	---	-2,277,965	---
General expenses.....	152,460	164,000	142,100	-10,360	-21,900
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 109-148).....	1,600	---	---	-1,600	---
Office of Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works).....	3,960	---	1,500	-2,460	+1,500
Total, title I, Department of Defense - Civil... Appropriations.....	8,228,719 (5,329,170)	4,733,000 (4,733,000)	4,983,803 (4,983,803)	-3,244,916 (-345,367)	+250,803 (+250,803)
Emergency appropriations.....	(2,899,549)	---	---	(-2,899,549)	---
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TITLE II - DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR					
Central Utah Project Completion Account					
Central Utah project construction.....	31,351	37,587	37,587	+6,236	---
Fish, wildlife, and recreation mitigation and conservation.....	937	965	965	+28	---
Subtotal.....	32,288	38,552	38,552	+6,264	---
Program oversight and administration.....	1,719	1,603	1,603	-116	---
Total, Central Utah project completion account..	34,007	40,155	40,155	+6,148	---
Bureau of Reclamation					
Water and related resources.....	874,679	833,424	849,122	-25,557	+15,698
Rescission.....	---	-88,000	-88,000	-88,000	---
Subtotal, water and related resources.....	874,679	745,424	761,122	-113,557	+15,698
Central Valley project restoration fund.....	52,219	41,478	41,478	-10,741	---
California Bay-Delta restoration.....	36,630	38,610	40,110	+3,480	+1,500
Policy and administration.....	57,338	58,069	58,069	+731	---
Total, Bureau of Reclamation.....	1,020,866	883,581	900,779	-120,087	+17,198
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Total, title II, Department of the Interior.....	1,054,873	923,736	940,934	-113,939	+17,198
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TITLE III - DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY					
Energy supply and conservation.....	1,812,627	1,923,361	2,025,527	+212,900	+102,166
Clean coal technology:					
Deferral of unobligated balances, FY 2005.....	257,000	---	---	-257,000	---
Deferral of unobligated balances, FY 2007.....	-257,000	257,000	257,000	+514,000	---
Rescission, uncommitted balances.....	-20,000	-203,000	-257,000	-237,000	-54,000
Transfer to Fossil Energy R&D.....	---	-54,000	---	---	+54,000
Total, Clean coal technology.....	-20,000	---	---	+20,000	---
Fossil Energy Research and Development.....	592,014	469,686	558,204	-33,810	+88,518
Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale Reserves.....	21,285	18,810	18,810	-2,475	---
Elk Hills School Lands Fund.....	83,160	---	---	-83,160	---
Strategic petroleum reserve.....	164,340	155,430	155,430	-8,910	---
Northeast home heating oil reserve.....	---	4,950	4,950	+4,950	---
Energy Information Administration.....	85,314	89,769	89,769	+4,455	---
Non-defense environmental clean up.....	349,687	310,358	309,946	-39,741	-412
Uranium enrichment decontamination and decommissioning fund.....	556,606	579,368	579,368	+22,762	---
Science.....	3,596,393	4,101,710	4,131,710	+535,317	+30,000
Nuclear Waste Disposal.....	148,500	156,420	186,420	+37,920	+30,000
Departmental administration.....	250,289	278,382	278,382	+28,093	---
Miscellaneous revenues.....	-121,770	-123,000	-123,000	-1,230	---
Net appropriation.....	128,519	155,382	155,382	+26,863	---
Office of the Inspector General.....	41,580	45,507	45,507	+3,927	---
Atomic Energy Defense Activities					
National Nuclear Security Administration:					
Weapons activities.....	6,369,603	6,407,889	6,412,001	+42,398	+4,112
Defense nuclear nonproliferation.....	1,614,839	1,726,213	1,593,101	-21,738	-133,112
Naval reactors.....	781,605	795,133	795,133	+13,528	---
Office of the Administrator.....	338,450	386,576	399,576	+61,126	+13,000
Subtotal, National Nuclear Security Administration.....	9,104,497	9,315,811	9,199,811	+95,314	-116,000
Defense environmental cleanup.....	6,130,448	5,390,312	5,551,812	-578,636	+161,500
Other defense activities.....	635,577	717,788	720,788	+85,211	+3,000
Defense nuclear waste disposal.....	346,500	388,080	388,080	+41,580	---
Total, Atomic Energy Defense Activities.....	16,217,022	15,811,991	15,860,491	-356,531	+48,500
Power Marketing Administrations					
Operation and maintenance, Southeastern Power Administration.....	37,930	40,115	53,726	+15,796	+13,611
Offsetting collection.....	-32,386	-34,392	-48,003	-15,617	-13,611
Subtotal, O&M, Southeastern Power Administration	5,544	5,723	5,723	+179	---
Operation and maintenance, Southwestern Power Administration.....	32,834	34,539	45,139	+12,305	+10,600
Offsetting collection.....	-2,970	---	-13,600	-10,630	-13,600
Offsetting collection (P.L. 106-377).....	---	-3,000	---	---	+3,000
Subtotal, O&M, Southwestern Power Administration	29,864	31,539	31,539	+1,675	---
Construction, rehabilitation, operation and maintenance, Western Area Power Administration.....	511,982	490,770	688,511	+176,529	+197,741
Offsetting collection.....	-276,210	---	-472,593	-196,383	-472,593
Offsetting collection (P.L. 98-381).....	-4,120	-3,705	-3,705	+415	---
Offsetting collection (P.L. 106-377).....	---	-274,852	---	---	+274,852
Subtotal, O&M, Western Area Power Administration	231,652	212,213	212,213	-19,439	---

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Falcon and Amistad operating and maintenance fund.....	2,665	2,500	2,500	-165	---
Total, Power Marketing Administrations.....	269,725	251,975	251,975	-17,750	---
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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission					
Salaries and expenses.....	218,196	230,800	230,800	+12,604	---
Revenues applied.....	-218,196	-230,800	-230,800	-12,604	---
Total, title III, Department of Energy.....	24,046,772	24,074,717	24,373,489	+326,717	+298,772
Appropriations.....	(24,031,132)	(24,277,717)	(24,630,489)	(+599,357)	(+352,772)
Advance appropriations from previous years..	(35,640)	---	---	(-35,640)	---
Rescissions.....	(-20,000)	(-203,000)	(-257,000)	(-237,000)	(-54,000)
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TITLE IV - INDEPENDENT AGENCIES					
Appalachian Regional Commission.....	64,817	65,472	35,472	-29,345	-30,000
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.....	21,812	22,260	22,260	+448	---
Delta Regional Authority.....	11,880	5,940	5,940	-5,940	---
Denali Commission.....	49,500	2,536	7,536	-41,964	+5,000
Nuclear Regulatory Commission:					
Salaries and expenses.....	727,032	768,410	808,410	+81,378	+40,000
Revenues.....	-611,010	-620,328	-656,328	-45,318	-36,000
Subtotal.....	116,022	148,082	152,082	+36,060	+4,000
Office of Inspector General.....	8,233	8,144	8,144	-89	---
Revenues.....	-7,410	-7,330	-7,330	+80	---
Subtotal.....	823	814	814	-9	---
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Total, Nuclear Regulatory Commission.....	116,845	148,896	152,896	+36,051	+4,000
Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.....	3,572	3,670	3,670	+98	---
Tennessee Valley Authority: Office of Inspector					
General.....	---	15,100	---	---	-15,100
Offset.....	---	-15,100	---	---	+15,100
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Total, title IV, Independent agencies.....	268,426	248,774	227,774	-40,652	-21,000
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Grand total.....	33,598,790	29,980,227	30,526,000	-3,072,790	+545,773
Appropriations.....	(30,683,601)	(30,271,227)	(30,871,000)	(+187,399)	(+599,773)
Emergency appropriations.....	(2,899,549)	---	---	(-2,899,549)	---
Rescission.....	(-20,000)	(-291,000)	(-345,000)	(-325,000)	(-54,000)
Advance appropriations from previous years..	(35,640)	---	---	(-35,640)	---